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## CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

WE RE-PUBLISH AN INTERESTING ARTICLE ON THIS IMPORTANT MATTER WHICH EVERYONE SHOULD READ

(Article by W. S. Fogarty, Superintendent of Preble County Schools, Eaton, Ohio.)

"One of the three counties in the United States having the best rural schools," is the high compliment paid the schools of Preble County, Ohio, by a specialist from the United States Bureau of Education. Six years ago the rural schools of this county were of that type found most frequently throughout the United States. Six years ago, as we went over this county and saw forlorn dilapidated one-room school buildings with ill-kept grounds, while just across the road were beautiful houses with all modern conveniences and fine barns for the stock, we knew that the rural people of this agricultural country needed to be "stirred up." I had been accused of "going over the county stirring up things," by a very angry farmer when we went into his township to consolidate schools. The dismal one-room "box-car" type of school building, with the old, unsightly stove in the center, with whitewashed walls discolored by smoke with cross-lights and window ventilation, with dreary grounds and unsanitary condition in general, presented a sight which made me heart-sick for the boys and girls who were so greatly robbed by such an environment.

Consolidation is the key-point of rural school improvement. Six years ago Preble County had 94 one-room schools. Since then we have displaced 71 of these with 12 modern consolidated schools. A large number of the remaining one-room schools are now in process of elimination by our County Board of Education, which has been broad-minded and consistently progressive in all its acts.

**The Progressive Policy Won**  
Bitter opposition was met from the selfish man without children, from the reactionaries who resist all change, from the cheap-school crowd who are satisfied with any school, and from those sentimentalists who were unwilling to give up the "little school house." The campaigns showed that the "little school" with its little tax, little children, little attendance and little interest had many little supporters. However, nearly all the campaigns were successful, for a good majority of our farmers recognize that the welfare of our youth is of supreme value, and that the farmer can and should have as good schools as the citizens of the city. Moreover, they know that it is best for their boys and girls to get their high school education at home and spend the night under the parental roof.

In less than nine months, or from November 3, 1914, to July 17, 1915, consolidation projects affecting more than one-half the county were carried. Other projects have followed, until almost the entire county is consolidated. The buildings are well lighted, ventilated and heated. Each has an auditorium, a gymnasium, the usual class-rooms, good laboratories, a library and an office.

**Improvement of School Grounds**  
Remembering the dreary one-room school grounds, which were without flowers and shrubbery and often without trees and grass, it was resolved that these new school grounds should be landscaped and made beautiful. Prof. R. B. Cruickshank, of Ohio State University, has come to Preble County several times and has landscaped the grounds of our new consolidated schools. He drew blue-prints showing what to plant and where to plant it, indicating walks, drives and spaces for base ball, volley ball, tennis, etc. These drawings have been invaluable to boards and superintendents in developing beautiful school grounds.

Lanier Township Centralized School has a most beautiful lawn with sunken garden effect. The

Board of Education bought \$150 worth of trees and shrubbery. The harmony of color and varied shades seen at different seasons is a constant delight to the eye. The lawn is enclosed with a low ornamental hedge. Flowers are planted along the walks and around the flagpole. These are not placed "just any place," but it is purposed as far as possible to plant the right flower in the right place. The grounds have been pronounced by competent state authority to be "the most beautiful rural school grounds in Ohio."

There are now notable instances of Parent-Teacher associations helping in this work. In Jefferson Township there stands a large modern consolidated school building on a 10-acre plot. The grounds are bare except for the school house and a barn for vans. The Parent-teacher Association of the community saw the need of terracing, planting and plotting playgrounds. A campaign of education was carried out. In November, an extra mill tax was voted to improve the school grounds. This ill tax has provided a fund of about \$3,000, and work to make these grounds a model of beauty will be started this spring.

Another instance of good community improvement work is in Lanier township, where parents, Board and teachers spent a day in graveling a part of the school grounds for parking automobiles. Men with 40 teams hauled gravel and 30 others shoveled. The women used the home economics department for preparing dinner. There were 137 persons present, with a fine community spirit and a real pride in making their school grounds beautiful and at the same time serviceable.

**Good Returns on the Investment**  
Though the population of this rural county is practically stationary, since 1914 the high school attendance has increased from 523 to 826, or nearly 80 per cent. The bringing of secondary education to 303 more youths in Preble County alone has been worth all the cost of the new movement. After consolidation the high school enrollment in Lanier township doubled, in Jackson township it doubled, in Monroe township it increased 137 per cent. At present more than 20 per cent of our total enrollment is in high school, a record unequalled by any other county in the state. To deprive bright farmer boys and girls of a high school education in these times is to limit their success and happiness for life.

These schools are revolutionizing our rural community life. In the auditoriums of these buildings meet Parent-Teacher Associations, Boys' and Girls' Clubs and other organizations of young people, Granges, Farm Bureaus, and other various named groups. The auditoriums, gymnasiums, dining-rooms and kitchen of the home economics department offer fine facilities for various entertainments, socials, inter-school literary and music contests, class plays, commencement exercises, lyceum courses, school exhibits, moving picture shows, and various other community meetings. In Monroe Township the attendance at community meetings in the consolidated school in the open country from Sept. 1st, 1919, to May 15, 1920, was 10,280, and \$1,502 was received from meetings charging admission. During the same period Jefferson township school counted 8300 persons in attendance. In the county for this period the attendance totaled 53,010, which is about twice the population of the entire county. During the war these buildings were invaluable in furnishing places for large gatherings of the people

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## MUSIC STUDY CLUB

Will Hold a Musical Tea  
Members of the Yale Music Study club are looking forward to Tuesday, February 28th, when they are anticipating a genuine treat in the musical line.

The meeting will open at 3:00 in the afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. F. Fead, and it is hoped that all members will be able to be present. If one has a guest in her home the guest will be welcome.

The musical program for the afternoon will be in the hands of Miss Marjorie Brown, pianist, and Miss Florence Fish, soloist, both of Port Huron. The speaker is to be Mrs. Meeker, of Detroit, who is instructor of Music Appreciation in the Detroit schools.

Several of Yale members have met and heard Mrs. Meeker, and they speak of her as having a delightful personality.

Mrs. Young, chairman of the Program committee wishes to impress upon each one the absolute necessity of being on hand and seated at the time above mentioned.

## "YANKEE" IS GREAT COMEDY SPECTACLE

The William Fox special production of Mark Twain's "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," which opens a three-day engagement next Wednesday evening at the New Princess, deserves to rank with the best pictorializations of famous literary classics which Mr. Fox has given to the public.



PAULINE STARKE  
in "A CONNECTICUT YANKEE"  
WILLIAM FOX PRODUCTION

"A Connecticut Yankee" is a purely American classic. It has been translated faithfully to the screen, and all the rollicking humor of the book is heightened by the visual appeal.

Mark Twain was not a humorist alone; in each of his books, even the funniest, he pleaded a cause. In "A Connecticut Yankee" he argues for the modern way of doing things, and proves that we are lucky to be living today and not in the days of old when knights were bold.

Martin Cavendish, the Yankee, young, shrewd, up-to-date, finds himself suddenly back in the Middle Ages, among King Arthur's Knights of the Round Table. His adventures there are made to play a part in Martin's own modern love romance.

There is hardly a moment without a laugh. Thanks to Emmett J. Flynn, the director, the settings are superb—notably the scene of the tournament, wherein Martin, dressed as a cowboy and armed with a revolver and lariat, routs all of King Arthur's knights.

## Registration Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Registration of the City of Yale will be in session SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1922 beginning at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon and continuing until 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the Council Chamber, Jones street.

All persons not now registered will have to register their names to entitle them to vote at the Primary Election to be held on Wednesday, March 1st, 1922.

Mary Beadle, City Clerk

## THUMB TALES TERSELY TOLD

Items Taken From Newspapers of Neighboring Towns and Villages

The Brown City Banner has a brand new head. It looks fine.

Interest in the Music Memory Contest is beginning to lag in Crosswell.

The Grand Trunk shops in Port Huron are closed again, affecting nearly 500 men.

The Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company will open one of a chain of stores in Richmond.

The Holmes Foundry at Romeo was damaged to the extent of \$1,000 by fire last week.

A new jack-knife drawbridge over Black river at Port Huron will be built by the Pere Marquette.

An ungrateful horse bit off a part of James McCrimmen's nose at Bad Axe last week as the man was giving the horse a pail of water to drink.

There are over 270 students in Bad Axe who cannot be accommodated in the present public school building. A new and larger school is needed much.

Arnold Greenwood, of Roseburg lost his barn by fire last week. All the horses were saved but fifty chickens were burned. Loss covered by insurance.

The three-weeks-old child of Mr. and Mrs. George Gorsline, of near Brown City, was found dead in bed one morning last week. It is supposed that it was smothered.

Marlette's younger class of business men and farmers have organized, for the purpose of creating a better feeling of fellowship between farmers and town business men.

Port Huron Automobile Dealers Association is putting on the first Automobile show for Port Huron. It will be held March 15 to 18 in the new Parfet building on Military street.

John Leach, of Richmond, carries a cane which he made himself and which contains over 4,000 pieces of wood of various kinds. He also constructed a w r k box for his wife out of 10,000 different pieces.

The Star Oil Company has purchased two corner lots in Memphis and will build a central station, to supply several towns nearby. The buildings on the lots are wooden landmarks and will be removed by the owners.

Fishermen who went to Lakeville this week visited the Salvation Army camp there, and state that engineers are planning a bathing beach at the east landing. Teams are drawing hundreds of loads of gravel and piling it on the ice so that it will settle into the water when the ice melts.

Anthony Scully, aged 40, an inmate of an insane asylum at various times, but recently living with his father, aged 80 years, and a sister in Port Huron, suddenly became violent last week and killed his father with a hammer and knife, and seriously wounded his sister. He is now in a padded cell at the county jail.

The new Inlay City Chamber of Commerce was instituted last Tuesday evening at the meeting held at the city hall and the following officers were elected to preside during the year: T. F. Holden, president; Brice Kempf, secretary; Elmer Cleveland, treasurer. The new organization is the outgrowth of the Community club.

While drawing logs Wednesday George Stanlake, 24 years old, Almont, met with an accident in which his leg was fractured and ankle bones crushed. Stanlake was working on the farm of Fred Stannard, and while he was bunching the logs one of them caught on a tree and his leg became wedged between the log and tree. He was removed to the hospital following the accident.

## A FINE PLAY HOUSE

The Expressor is always ready and willing to say a good word for any creditable institution that comes to town, or for any citizen who is progressive enough to see the needs of our people, and is willing to spend money to give them the best there is in the line of business they are following.

For the past few weeks Princess Theatre has been closed while undergoing extensive improvements and repairs, and with its completion Yale has one of the most up-to-date little movie picture houses in this part of the state. We have described these improvements in other issues of the Expressor, and are now pleased to state that the opening date has been finally decided upon, and the attraction for this occasion is one of the best yet put on in our city.

Mark Twain's humorous story, "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," will be screened three nights beginning Wednesday March 1st.

This play has just recently been put on in Port Huron and some of our citizens saw it there. They all claim it is the best thing in the movie line they ever attended.

Here's wishing the New Princess the greatest success, and in the language of old Rip, "Long may it live and prosper."

## FOR CITY TREASURER

To my Friends and Voters of Yale:—

I have decided to become a candidate for City Treasurer at the Primary Election to be held on Wednesday, March 1st.

Should I be nominated and elected will give this office my very best attention.

As it will be impossible to make a personal canvass, I solicit your support through this announcement.

Thanking the citizens for past favors, I am,  
Yours respectfully,  
George McIntyre

## Primary Election Notice

Notice is hereby given to the Electors of the City of Yale State of Michigan, that a Primary Election will be held on

Wednesday, March 1st, 1922 in the City of Yale, at the Council Chamber, Jones street, for the purpose of placing in nomination One Mayor; one Clerk; one Treasurer; one Supervisor; one Justice of the Peace; Aldermen and Constables in each ward.

Polls will be open at 7:30 A. M., and will remain open until 5:00 o'clock P. M., Standard Time on said day of election.

Mary Beadle, City Clerk

## Grand Dancing Party

A grand dancing party will be given in the Auditorium, Yale, Tuesday evening, Feb. 28th. Everybody invited. A good time assured you. Music by Zimmerman's 6-piece orchestra. Come and dance to some of the best in the state. Bill, \$1.50, war tax included.

S. E. BARR, Manager

Found—Driving mitt. Owner may have same by calling on John Henry.

## PATRIOTIC BANQUET

GIVEN IN SACRED HEART CHURCH DINING ROOM FEBRUARY 22nd WAS AN UNUSUAL SUCCESS

Those who were not on hand at seven sharp or before, found themselves fated to wait for second tables, the crowd was so great on the occasion of the banquet served by the Catholic people on Wednesday evening.

We do not know the exact number present, but give it at three hundred anyway.

The menu was a splendidly substantial and appetizing one, starting with an oyster cocktail, followed by fried chicken and all accessories, and tipped off with brick ice cream. All to the music of the Yale Orchestra and in a room gaily festooned with the National colors of red, white and blue, with the picture of the Father of Our Country, George Washington, looking out from above the platform draped with bunting and palms and ferns in the windows and on the tables, which were also brightened with candles and carnations.

The company then felt happily satisfied and ready for the after program which followed.

The toastmaster, Father Hackett was introduced by Mayor Jacobs, and he proved a "jewel." His introductions and brief speeches were witty and to the point, and his statements as to our soldier boys bearing the brunt of everything is a fact not to be lightly passed over.

Father Dunnigan, of Port Huron, loved of all his people, who has just recently been honored by being appointed a member of the Board of Visitors of the United States Naval Academy, gave a masterful talk along the lines of "Sportsmanship." We regret our limited time forbids us giving even a brief resume of his speech, or the one following by Father McQueen, both claiming the closest interest and attention.

The evening was finished by all rising to sing "Star Spangled Banner."

## SYNOPSIS

Below we publish a synopsis of the play "A Dream of Queen Esther," which will be given at the Auditorium tomorrow (Friday) evening, under auspices of Yale Chapter O. E. S.:—

Act I—The house top of Mordecai in the city of Shushan in Persia. Mordecai laments the fall of Jerusalem. A message from the King. Esther commanded to enter the contest for Queen of the realm. Mordecai ponders on the message. The little Jewish children sing and make merry on the housetop. Mordecai conducts their evening devotions. Esther appears and Mordecai delivers the King's message. Esther tells her nurse Meesha of her adventure outside the city gates. Esther dreams and eight heroines of Jewish history appear before her, Witch of Endor, Rebecca, Deborah, Miriam, Ada, Ruth, Martha and Electa. Scarf tableaux.

Act II—In the palace of the King. The King is weary of the maidens who have appeared before him and tells Hegai of the beautiful maid he rescued without the city gates. Kazma sings the Rose Song with drill by eight Rose Maidens. Several maidens air their charms to the delight of Koosh, a funny little Ethiopian slave girl. Each is rejected by the King. Esther is chosen Queen.

Act III—Nine years later. The Queen is sad at the neglect of the King. Mordecai appears and tells the Queen that all the Jews are to be slain at the order of the King. He tells her to intercede for her people. Meesha explains that to do this without the King's invitation would be almost certain death. Esther accepts the sacrifice. "If I perish, I perish!" Esther appears before the King, who receives her. "The fairest among millions, altogether lovely." The King promises to save her people and the Feast of Purim is established.

## MAYOR ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

To the Voters of the City of Yale:—

I am a candidate for nomination and election to the office of Mayor and solicit your aid and support in getting it. During the past year I have given my time and tried to do my best in administering the affairs of the city and trust my efforts have been appreciated. I ask all my friends and supporters to get out and vote at the coming primary, Wednesday, March 1st. I will be perfectly satisfied with the result if all the citizens cast their vote on primary election day.

Sincerely yours,  
Charles W. Jacobs

Get your ice cream at the Restaurant. 50c per quart.

## Deaf, Dumb and Blind

